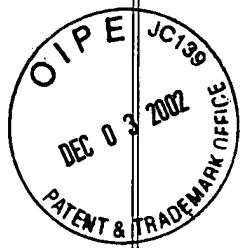


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For: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING)
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any co-pending applications, are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The listed documents were cited in an International Search Report in PCT/US02/21846, which is a counterpart to the present application. A copy of this search report is also attached.

The Zahn article, which is a non-English language document, was classified as an "A" reference in the International Search Report.

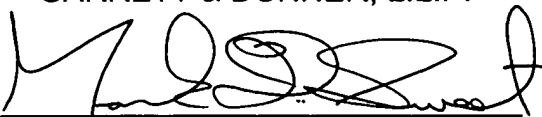
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